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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In December 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Tina M. Anderson** (HC60043710). She was convicted of three counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance through fraud.

Benton County

In February 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Stephen L. Smith** (MD00019257) on probation. The commission amended a prior order requiring Smith to undergo a skills assessment and an education plan. He must comply with the education plan and other terms and conditions set against his license.

Cowlitz County

In January 2010 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged intravenous therapy technician **Jared L. Hargrave** (ES00105301) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of child rape — domestic violence, sexual exploitation of a minor, possessing depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and three counts of voyeurism.

Grant County

In January 2010 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Gordon Stanley Froese** (DE00004928) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient. He also provided prescriptions to patients which weren't noted in patients' records and were outside the scope of the patients' treatment, and charged patients' insurance companies for treatments not provided.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Rosisela Romero** (NC60098270). She was convicted of theft.

Jefferson County

In February 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Joseph R. Fog** (MD00048442) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly prescribed medication to patients in other states using the Internet.

King County

In January 2010 the Dental Commission released dentist **Syed Bashar** (DE00009509) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2009 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant **Dwane Elliott Butler, Jr.** (VB60065039). He was convicted of two counts of forgery.

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Carla S. Linwood** (NC10091538) and placed it on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In January 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Kinne D. McCabe** (MD00017145). Dr. McCabe's license is unrestricted in Washington.

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to reinstate the registration of **Mark R. Paschall** (NA00133499) in February 2011. It'll then be placed on probation for three years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In January 2010 the Health Care Assistant, X-ray Technician, and Nursing Assistant Programs charged certified nursing assistant **Duwane C. Smith** (HC00155054, XT00006958, NC10077853) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly viewed medical records without authorization and shared a patient's medical records with two other individuals without authorization. He was also convicted of two counts of attempted stalking.

In January 2010 the Dental Commission released dentist **Ralph K. Zech** (DE00005207) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Kitsap County

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Dominique S. Lowe** (NA60032886) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft and eight counts of Medicaid false statement.

Okanogan County

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Deborah A. Berg** (LP00025121) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Pierce County

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kristie L. Choate** (RN00099450) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of unlawful solicitation to possess controlled substances.

In January 2010 the Board of Pharmacy entered into an agreed order with pharmacist **Amy L. Pond** (PH00020019) and the **Victoria Pharmacy Inc. d/b/a Mega Pharmacy** (CF00002783). The board will monitor Ms. Pond's license for two years. She filled and dispensed invalid prescriptions for controlled substances she received from an Internet service. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2010 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Samuel Hal Carter Wade** (ES60054531) with unprofessional conduct. He entered into a deferred prosecution in Texas for sexual misconduct with two children. He also allegedly gave false or misleading information about the sexual misconduct to a department investigator.

Snohomish County

In January 2010 the Massage Therapy Program charged **Susan A. Bowman** (MA00015231) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2010 the Chiropractic Commission imposed conditions on the license of chiropractor **Loren C. Ernst** (CH00002486). He has boundary issues demonstrated by his insensitivity in communicating with patients and staff. He also entered into a sexual relationship with a recent patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Spokane County

In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Ben M. Taylor** (NA00195334) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly used improper and offensive communication with residents of the adult family home where he was employed.

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Melody L. Weaver** (RN00105048) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to administer, failed to document administration, or failed to document wastage of hydromorphone on six occasions.

Whatcom County

In January 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Karen M. Erickson** (LP00043485) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis.

Yakima County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Jordan Michael Waters** (NA60078154). He was convicted of minor in possession and/or consumption.

Out of State

Oregon: In January 2010 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacist **Charles L. Peckerman** (PH00022492) and placed his license on probation for five years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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